

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-8 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system comprising at least one computer with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon; wherein the system automatically summarizes company innovations, uses intelligent agents to automatically perform searches on the Internet to find competing ideas, and generates reports which list potential competitive strengths or weaknesses of the innovations.
3. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company innovation data includes at least one idea submitted by an employee and a time at which the idea was submitted, further comprising a query engine to determine and report ~~some or all of the~~ any ideas that an employee individual has submitted over a selected time period.
4. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company innovation data includes at least one innovation submitted by an employee, further comprising measuring wherein employee and performance, ~~overall corporate innovation levels, and qualified and motivated employees are measured and determined~~ in accordance with the innovations entered by employees into the system.
5. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company innovation data includes at least one innovation submitted by an employee, ~~further wherein an employee enters hours spent~~ on the innovation, ~~along with~~ and other resources that contributed to the innovation, so that intellectual property IP assets can be assigned tangible values and tracked on the company's balance sheet.
6. (Currently amended) A system for streamlining at least one of the process ~~of creating, preserving and/or~~ protecting proprietary assets, the system

comprising at least one computer with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon, wherein the system performs at least one of identifying, classifying, compiling, tracking, and routing ~~identifies, classifies, compiles, tracks and/or routes~~ real-time innovation data automatically on a continuous basis, and provides ~~instant~~ access to the database of innovation information, taken from the group of innovation information ~~informations~~ consisting of trade secret archives, patent filings, computed valuations, and user information, further wherein an employee thereby has ~~instant~~ access to ~~her latest innovations and proprietary materials~~ innovation data submitted to the system by the employee.

7. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 further adapted to an employee entering an intellectual creation taken from the group of intellectual creations consisting of documents, ideas, and ~~and the like,~~ and receiving a ~~an immediate, time/ and~~ date certification therefor.

8. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 7, further comprising wherein the employee ~~can linking~~ more details related to the intellectual creation ~~on each submission,~~ and other users ~~can emailing~~ at least one of comments and suggestions directly to the employee and author, ~~or optionally submitting~~ their own improvements on the intellectual creation ~~as a new or supplemental innovation.~~